

Legislators Put On More Steam to Speed Up Session's Business

PRESENT CIVIL SERVICE LAWS DECLARED GOOD

There is little doubt that Representative Kuphea's bill to repeal the existing laws relating to civil service will be killed in the house if the county committee adheres to opinions expressed on the measure at a public hearing last night.

With but a few exceptions, all of the several speakers, a majority of them being Hawaiians, urged the committee to table the bill, declaring that efficiency in the police and fire departments should be maintained at all times and that this efficiency can only be secured through the civil service regulations.

Edward Fogarty, a member of the civil service commission which the bill seeks to put out of business, spoke vigorously in favor of tabling the measure.

"I am strongly in favor of civil service rules," he declared. "For years the people of Honolulu have been howling for efficiency in the police and fire departments. It was the object of the present laws, when they went into effect in 1915, to create efficiency in the police and fire departments and they certainly have succeeded."

"While this standard of efficiency may not be perfect, still, if these regulations are continued in force, it will be but a short time before this perfect efficiency is obtained in both the police and fire departments."

A petition was handed the committee, signed by members of the fire department, protesting against the repeal of the present laws.

S. K. Keloa, speaking in Hawaiian, vigorously assailed the bill and declared it would be detrimental to the entire community if the civil service laws are repealed.

The hearing was well attended, mostly by members of the police and fire departments. Representative E. K. Fernandez, chairman of the county committee, presided.

SENATE TO HOLD NIGHT SESSIONS

As a committee of the whole, with Senator Manuel C. Pacheco in the chair, work will begin tomorrow evening in the senate on the big appropriation bill of \$3,686,355, introduced yesterday afternoon in the senate.

Although no appropriation for the promotion committee appears in the bill, it is quite possible that some senator may introduce an individual bill to appropriate money for this body. The last legislature appropriated \$12,000 a year for the cause.

Living Costs Recognized
In all but a few cases the committee which has reported on the bill recognized the increased cost of living by raising the salaries of those who rely on territorial pay for livelihood.

Capt. William R. Foster, harbor-master, gets a raise from \$212.50 to \$250, while his pilots are given \$233 instead of \$212.50.

Eden Cushman, chief clerk to the secretary of the territory, is to receive \$175 instead of \$150; Librarian R. C. Lydecker, \$200 instead of \$175; Deputy Attorney A. G. Smith, \$325 instead of \$300, and Deputy W. H. Heen, \$325 instead of \$300; Deputy Auditor G. W. R. King, \$280 instead of \$255; Clerk Alex. May and J. W. Vannatta, \$185 instead of \$150.

Stenographers in the public works department, Mrs. Mildred Schmidt and Miss Adele Wicks, will receive \$125 instead of \$100 as formerly. Mark Colburn, chief janitor at the capitol yard, gets a raise of \$10 over his old salary of \$90, and Louis Medeiros will run the elevator in the capitol building to the tune of \$60 instead of \$50 a month. Bill Coelho, translator in the land office, will have \$25 more to buy pot each month, being put down for \$150.

Superintendent of Forestry Charles

'PROH' BILL IS KILLED IN HOUSE; SUBSTITUTE MEASURE IN ITS PLACE

Plebiscite Provided for Voters to Decide Passage of "Dry" Legislation

Without the formality of a promised hearing on the legality of the measure, the judiciary committee of the house of representatives shortly after 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon reported out on senate bill 33, the much talked about prohibition measure, recommending that it be indefinitely postponed.

The vote to indefinitely postpone the bill was carried almost unanimously. Twenty-nine representatives were in their seats and voted, Representative C. H. Cooke being the only member to vote against the killing of the bill. Representative Waihalo was absent.

Have Substitute Bill
In place of senate bill 33, the judiciary committee introduced a substitute bill, which passed first reading, having the following title:

"Providing a plebiscite by submitting to the qualified electors of the territory the question of whether the importation, manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors shall be prohibited by law and calling for a special session of the legislature to enact such a law in case the plebiscite shall decide in favor of such prohibition."

The substitute bill provides that a special election shall be called for July 14, 1917, at which time the qualified voters shall have an opportunity to cast their ballots in the question of whether the legislature of the territory shall enact a law against the importation, manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors throughout the territory.

If a majority of the votes cast are in the affirmative on the question, a special session of the legislature shall be called by the governor during the ensuing 60 days for the purpose of enacting legislation in conformity with the wishes of the voters.

Thirty days prior to the date of such election the governor shall issue a

proclamation stating the time, places where and upon what questions the election is to be held, and shall transmit copies of the proclamation throughout the territory and have it published in English and Hawaiian in newspapers of general circulation.

Money Is Provided
An appropriation of \$6,000 is provided to defray the expenses of the election, all expenditures from the fund to be approved by the secretary of the territory.

The bill, in another section, provides that, if the special session of the legislature is called in the affirmative, the legislature shall enact a law "absolutely prohibiting the importation of intoxicating liquors, and their manufacture and sale."

If a majority of the votes answer the question in the negative, the governor, speaker of the house and president of the senate shall draft a memorial, setting forth the results of the plebiscite, and forward it to the president of the United States and to congress.

Legality Questioned
The report of the judiciary committee on senate bill 33, dictated late yesterday afternoon, recites that the committee found the measure "of doubtful legality." It points out that the Organic Act makes no provision for a referendum such as required in senate bill 33, and that every bill becomes a law after it has passed three readings in each house of the legislature and has been signed by the governor.

Various cases tending to bear out the opinion of the committee that the bill is illegal are cited in the report. The statement is made that it is "absolutely illegal." The report points out that neither political party in Hawaii declared for prohibition in its platform at the time of the last election, but that each really decided against it by reaffirming its adherence to the present liquor laws.

The report was signed by Representatives Andrews, Brown, Tavares, Leal and Kula.

HOUSE NOTES

The bill to repeal the indeterminate sentence law was tabled in the house Monday, matters relating to this sentence being included in amendments to a bill relating to the parole of prisoners, which passed second reading.

House bill 328, appropriating \$1500 for the construction of homestead roads in Waialua, passed third reading in the house Monday.

A petition was presented from residents of Kaula asking that lands for homesteading be opened up in the Kapaemahu district.

The harbor board has informed the house that it would be illegal to appropriate money for the repair of Ma'ena landing, Maui, as it is the property of Dr. J. H. Raymond.

The senate resolution petitioning congress to give the people of Hawaii the right to elect their governor and secretary, was adopted in the house.

Speaker Holstein has referred to the judiciary committee the senate concurrent resolution asking congress to pass Delegate Kuhio's bill providing suffrage for the women of the territory.

The bill providing for the appointment of a third clerk for the local district court passed second reading on Tuesday, amended to give the third clerk less power than the other clerks.

Representative Jarrett's bill creating a commission to investigate the Kewalo reclamation claims passed second reading.

The bill to pay Justice J. L. Coke \$1650 for his services in Washington in connection with the refund of \$1,750,000 of bonds, passed second reading in the house Tuesday, pared to \$1250. Representative Petrie of the finance committee did not favor the reduction.

On recommendation of the finance committee the bill appropriating \$10,000 for improvement to the Maui county farm passed second reading.

Representative Marquez' bill for an appropriation to beautify and reclaim land in Kapiolani park passed second reading.

The bill creating the territorial marketing division, placing it directly under the territory, passed second reading.

As its provisions are covered by the present laws, the bill introduced by Representative Andrews providing close seasons for game birds was tabled.

PRACTICAL JOKER EXPELLED BY NEW MEXICO HOUSE
SANTA FE, N. M.—R. L. D. McAllister, an Albuquerque, N. M., newspaperman, was expelled from the house of representatives after refusing to apologize for pinning a piece of paper on the coat-tail of Representative Bryan of Union county, while the latter was speaking on the woman suffrage resolution.

Several heated speeches were made, speakers asserting that the incident was a reflection upon the dignity of the house. Representative Purdie heatedly declared the "house ought to adjourn to the state insane asylum at Las Vegas."

John Regan has been denied privileges of the Cuban-American Jockey Club. "Conduct detrimental to the best interests of racing" was the cause.

ATTEMPT TO GET MORE MONEY FOR J. L. COKE BEATEN

An attempt by Representative Lorin Andrews to increase to \$1650 the original amount asked for the compensation requested by Justice James L. Coke for work done by him in Washington, D. C., and New York in connection with the refund of \$1,750,000 of territorial bonds, was defeated in the house today.

When the bill to compensate Coke came up on third reading, Andrews offered an amendment to strike out the figures \$1250, which reduction had been made by the finance committee, and insert \$1650, the original amount.

Andrews said that Coke as a justice of the supreme court, certainly would not attempt to overcharge the territory, and that he considered the justices bill a fair one. Representative Cooke did not go to Washington in the interest of the territory, but that the matter was placed in his hands while he was in the East on private business. The amendment was voted down and the bill passed third reading and has been sent to the senate.

Utility Corporation Bill
Representative Cooke this morning introduced a bill relating to public utility corporations and the assignment and transfer of their franchises and property.

The bill provides that any corporation conducting jointly a public utility business and other business, and desiring to separate the public utility business from the other, may, upon a vote of not less than three-fourths of the holders of each class of stock, assign, transfer and convey to any other corporation the rights, powers and franchises which it possesses, including contracts and other property.

Such other corporation is given the power to take over and thereafter hold the franchises and other property, and shall be subject to all duties and obligations and a public utility corporation.

It is further provided that the stockholders of the corporation assigning its franchises and other property shall have the right to subscribe for or participate in the stock of the other corporation or equal terms in proportion to the stock held by them in the first corporation.

Urges Visit to Molokai
A resolution urging the members of the house to visit Molokai with the police, harbor and military committee was introduced by Representative Joseph.

The house committee expects to make the trip this week, leaving Honolulu either Friday or Saturday and returning in time for Monday's session.

The house today passed on second reading house joint resolution 7, which appropriates \$10,000 for the preservation of the Puu o Hawaii cemetery, now a part of the McInerney tract. The resolution authorizes the attorney-general and the superintendent of public works to take necessary steps toward preserving the ground, whether it be by injunction, condemnation or other legal proceeding.

Market Fund Going Through
A substitute bill providing an appropriation of \$7500 for a revolving fund for the maintenance of the territorial marketing division passed second reading today and will come up tomorrow on third reading. The house passed on third reading the bill creating the marketing division and making it a separate department of the territorial government. But one measure was tabled in the house today, that being Representative Keleolu's joint resolution authorizing the setting aside of land for the raising of agricultural products. The recommendation to table was made by the committee on public lands. The house bill providing for the elimination of the office of inspector-general of public schools passed third reading and has gone to the senate.

The following bills have been deferred until Saturday:

House bill 345, relating to eminent domain, on third reading; house bill 275, appropriating \$10,000 for the improvement of the Kula, Maui, sanitarium, on third reading; house bill 333, appropriating \$10,000 for the development and improvement of the Kaula county farm and sanitarium, on third reading.

Bills Pass Through
The following bills passed third reading in the house today:

House bill 111, eliminating office of inspector of schools; house bill 159, creating the territorial marketing division, making it a distinct department of the territorial government; house bill 315, reimbursing J. L. Coke in the sum of \$1250 for services rendered in Washington in connection with the bond refund; house bill 331, providing for the ascertainment and payment of the Kewalo reclamation claims; house bill 336, providing for improvements to Kapiolani Park.

The house is meeting this afternoon at the afternoon session yesterday:

House Bill 381
Relating to expenses of circuit courts, support of juvenile dependents.—da Silva.

House Bill 382
Appropriating \$100,000 as a special fund for the benefit or relief of families of certain members of the National Guard.—Keleolu.

House Bill 383
Providing a plebiscite submitting to the voters the question of whether the territory shall have prohibition. Substitute for senate bill 33.—Judiciary committee.

The following bills were introduced today:

House Bill 384
Making an appropriation of \$75 to

DATA IS AWAITED AS TO HAWAIIANS SUPPOSED LOST

Speaker H. C. Hoole of the house of representatives has received the following cablegram from Delegate Kuhio:

"Honolulu.
Navy department has no information regarding Hawaiians on Astor."

Pending the receipt of advices from the delegate giving the exact names of the five Hawaiians believed to have been lost when the American steamer Astor was torpedoed by a German submarine, the house will take no action on Judge C. W. Ashford's letter suggesting memorial service for the Hawaiians.

Representative Kawaha's resolution in respect to the memory of the Hawaiians, published in Tuesday's Star-Bulletin, also has been deferred until the exact data is received.

Petitions protesting against the passage of a territorial highways bill will be taken up in the house as soon as the bill comes in, the lands committee reported.

The bill to eliminate the office of inspector of schools has passed second reading.

Reimburse Capt. N. C. Neilson for the employment of a substitute pilot during his illness.—Miles.

House Bill 355
Relating to public utility corporations and the assignment and transfer of their franchises and property.—Cooke.

House Bill 356
Appropriating \$10,000 for macadamizing portions of roads in the Olaa lots, Puna, Hawaii, out of the proceeds of the sales of homestead lots, Hawaii.—Leal.

PERSONALITIES

H. P. REED, for some time a linotype operator for the Star-Bulletin, left with Mrs. Reed yesterday in the Great Northern to make their home in San Francisco.

B. J. BRIDGEFORD, for several months in charge of the fire insurance department of the Hawaiian Trust Company here, left on the Mauna Kea today for Wailuku, Maui, where he will take charge of the insurance department of the First National Bank. Bridgeford, while here, has been a popular resident at the Pierpoint, Wailuku.

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HAMMOND, Ind.—Detectives could not find Harry E. Hayes when he disappeared from Buffalo last December, so his wife, Edna, who used to be a member of the beauty chorus in Zeigfeld's "Follies of 1910," turned detective herself.

When she found Harry with Mrs. Lottie Bruner, a handsome blonde

nurse, who had eloped from Buffalo with Hayes to a fashionable boarding house here, Mrs. Hayes made a mighty effort to impale the nurse with a hatpin. Police interfered. They pulled Hayes from under the bed, where he had sought refuge. Mrs. Hayes then produced a warrant issued in Buffalo which charged Hayes with abandoning her and their three children.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS OF BAND AND HEADQUARTER'S FIRST REGIMENT, HAWAIIAN INFANTRY, NATIONAL GUARD:

Members of Band: Every member of the Band will report at Armory Thursday evening, April 5, at 7 o'clock, instead of Friday evening, for Band Rehearsal and to receive instructions for future rehearsals.

All non-commissioned officers and enlisted men of Headquarter's Company must attend drills on Thursday evenings (in uniform). No excuses will be accepted for non-attendance unless medical certificate is presented in cases of illness.

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